

Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

I wish to state my absolute opposition to the proposed gun control acts currently proposed in this session of the legislature in general, and specifically to the proposed magazine capacity restrictions and so-called 'assault weapons' ban now being debated.

These acts as read are overbearing and only seek to limit the Constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to bear arms. To propose restrictions for the majority based on the depraved and *illegal* acts of a few individuals strikes me as preposterous. If the empty racks in Connecticut's gun shops, the backlog of orders for high capacity magazines, ammunition, and AR-15 type rifles are any evidence, then these proposed acts most definitely do *not* represent the popular will of the majority of Connecticut's citizens, and thus constitute a breach of faith between the elected legislature and the public they serve. I urge you to consider this carefully while these acts are up for debate, and to explore alternate solutions to the problem of violent crime that do not harm or restrict the law-abiding citizen.

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